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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: President's Foreign Intelligence Board
Threat Assessments

1. General Taylor told me today that when the Board met with the President on April 18th he told them that although he had said in his public announcement that he would look to PFIAB to make a threat assessment annually, he wanted them to do an additional one in time to have some possible effect on this year's budget. Therefore General Taylor feels that within not much more than a month his Board is going to have to come up with something in the way of a "quickie assessment" and that after that they would get onto an annual basis. (He acknowledged that should the ABM issue be defeated, this threat assignment would no doubt go away.)

2. In order to "bring the entire 10-man Board up to the same level of knowledge," General Taylor proposes to have a two-day meeting toward the end of May. At that time the chairmen of the three panels which are now being briefed will share their knowledge with the full Board. At that time they may want to call in outside witnesses. He mentioned as an example someone from Thompson Ramo Wooldridge whose name escaped him but who had apparently been mentioned at this morning's briefing. In answer to my direct question, he apologized for not being able to tell us whether they would want to call any witnesses of the Agency at the May meeting. Again, in answer to my question, he said that the way the Soviet offensive briefing had gone this morning was just what they had wanted and that the other two should follow the same pattern. I told him we were going to start the Chinese briefing off with a general political, psychological, economic sort of preamble

This looks to me like a hypothesis upon which have to base the MRV-associated research facility

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